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Dear Sir:

The Decision of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated September 27, 2006 is noted.

In the Office's opinion, the prior petition did not sufficiently establish the third criterion. To comply with the Office's request, Applicants now submit evidence in the form of: a Declaration of Susan Willson, managing partner of foreign patent prosecution for Sheridan Ross, P.C.; a Second Supplemental Declaration of Eddie Abeyta, Sheridan Ross P.C.'s designated administrator of patent filing correspondence; a correspondence delivered to the foreign associate on April 7, 2006 confirming the filing of such application (Exhibit A); a facsimile confirmation of receipt of said correspondence delivered on April 7, 2006 (Exhibit B); a copy of the Express Mailing receipt for

such application (Exhibit C); and, United States Postal Service records indicating receipt of such application by the USPTO with other applications deposited on April 6, 2006 (Exhibits D - K).

Applicants direct the Office's attention to Exhibit A, which is a copy of the correspondence delivered to Grosse Bockhorni & Schumacher ("GBS") on April 7, 2006 at approximately 1:49 p.m. This correspondence, which came into existence within one day of the filing of such application, is believed to present corroborating evidence of the April 6, 2006 filing date. Applicants also direct the Office's attention to the declaration of Susan Willson, who confirmed the filing prior to signing the correspondence delivered on April 7, 2006, and the Second Supplemental Declaration of Eddie Abeyta, who is responsible for depositing Express Mail with the USPS, and as a matter of routine only does so once per day in the evening after 5:00 p.m. Any Express Mail deposited on April 7 would therefore not have been made prior to the 1:49 p.m. transmission of correspondence to GBS. Further evidence, in the form of USPS track and confirm search results, demonstrates that such application was received at the USPTO on the same day as other applications deposited by Mr. Abeyta on April 6, 2006 (See Exhibits D - K). This comports with Mr. Abeyta's statements that the case at issue was one of several collectively filed at the same time by Express Mail the evening of April 6, 2006.

The transmission report for the facsimile correspondence to GBS clearly shows it was sent at 1:49 p.m. on April 7 (See Exhibit A), confirming that the case was filed with the USPTO on April 6, 2006. This correspondence was signed by Ms. Willson, an attorney licensed in Colorado for over 30 years, and the statements contained therein were verified prior to delivery to GBS. This record was created within one day of the correct filing date of such application, and Applicants assert that this record meets the third criterion requested by the USPTO. Applicants believe this form of

evidence, having been reviewed and executed by a licensed attorney prior to delivery, presents even stronger corroborating evidence of the correct filing date than would the ministerial task of recording Express Mailing numbers and dates in a log book, which are typically performed by non-licensed staff.

Given this compelling corroborating evidence, the error here must properly be considered as being on the part of the USPS. It is Applicants belief that USPS employees may not fully understand the importance of the deposit date when Express Mail documents are deposited. For normal mail, to ensure delivery by the next business day, the last drop off time is typically around 3:00 p.m. It is believed that deposits made after 3:00 p.m. may be viewed as acceptably being processed the next day. USPS employees may not fully understand that the USPTO's procedures allocate the day of an Express Mail deposit as the official filing date for a patent application. A USPS employee accepting deposit of Express Mail after 3:00 p.m. would likely see no consequence of completing the Express Mailing receipt on the following day, particularly when the deposit is made during a time approaching the closing time for that location (e.g., here the deposit was at 6:22 p.m. and the USPS office closed at 7:00 p.m.)

In conjunction with the previous evidence submitted showing the peculiar fact that no time entry was entered on the Express Mailing receipt for the application at issue, it is suggestive that such application was not recorded accurately when it was received on April 6, 2006 (See Exhibit C).

If such application were recorded properly, the Express Mailing receipt would have included an actual time entry as is required by USPS employees accepting such mailing.

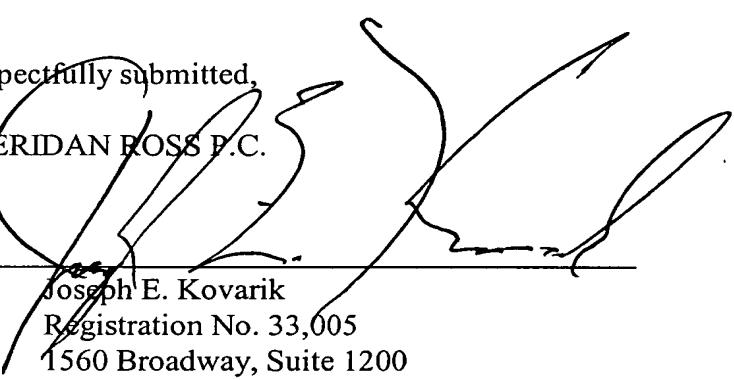
With such new evidence, and in combination with the previously submitted petitions and exhibits thereto, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and favorable grant of the

present petition. Applicants' counsel requests the courtesy of a telephone call in the event any further questions or concerns require further discussion or elucidation. Applicants' counsel can be reached directly at (303) 863-2977. No additional fees are believed to be owing, however, if such fees are due, please deduct them from Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Bockhorni:

Enclosed please find copies of the Application Transmittal, Application Data Sheet, First Preliminary Amendment, and Information Disclosure Statement as filed with the U.S. Patent Office on April 6, 2006. We will keep you informed as this application progresses.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.



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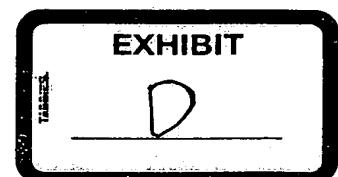
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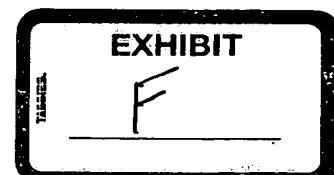
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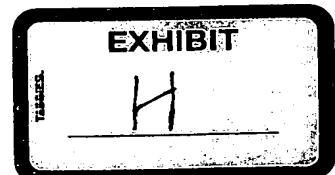
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1. I have reviewed the Decision from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") dated September 27, 2006 with respect to this matter. I hereby declare that I reviewed and signed the attached correspondence to Mr. Josef Bockhorni, of Grosse Bockhorni & Schumacher ("GBS"), confirming filing of such application with the USPTO on April 6, 2006 (See Exhibit A). Upon reviewing the file for this matter, I have confirmed that this correspondence was transmitted via facsimile at 1:49p.m. on April 7, 2006. Receipt of this correspondence on April 7 at 1:49p.m. was confirmed as shown on the transmission report and in the attached facsimile transmission sent from GBS dated April 10, 2006 (See Exhibits A and B). I attest to the fact that the attached copy of the facsimile is a true and accurate copy of my original letter of correspondence.

2. I declare that it is my custom and practice, as an attorney licensed to practice in Colorado since 1971 and with Sheridan Ross, P.C. for the past 20 years, to confirm filing of documents with the USPTO prior to delivering correspondence to the client or the foreign associate counsel. I declare the statements made in the April 7 correspondence regarding the filing date of such application are true, and that the filing date of April 7, 2006 is in error. As the application was deposited with USPS via Express Mail procedures on April 6, 2006, the filing date for such application should properly be April 6, 2006.

3. I further declare that on September 6, 2006 I spoke via telephone with Patricia Booker of PCT Operations, USPTO regarding such application. Ms. Booker confirmed that such

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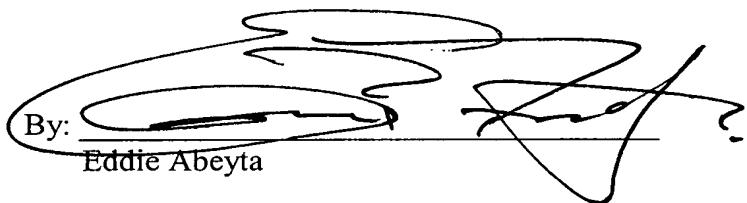
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2. I have reviewed the Decision from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") dated September 27, 2006 with respect to this matter. In compliance with the USPTO's request, the exhibits previously attached to my prior Declarations suffice to show the Express Mail number and the attorney docket number of the subject application. To establish that the national stage papers were deposited in Express Mail prior to the last scheduled pick-up on 4/6/06, I declare that as a matter of custom and routine, I hand deliver accountable mail documents to the USPS so that they are accorded a filing date on the date of such deposit. Also as a matter of custom and routine, I only deliver accountable mail once per day in the evening after 5:00p.m. and prior to the last scheduled mail pickup. This routine has been established by the Sheridan Ross, P.C. law firm to ensure that all documents to be deposited are provided to me at the close of the business day and in advance of the last scheduled pickup, and to eliminate multiple deposits with the USPS during a given day.

3. I personally deposited such documents on such date at or about 6:20p.m. and prior to the last scheduled pickup, according to the custom and routine as Sheridan Ross' designated administrator of patent filing correspondence. I further attest that on April 6, 2006, I personally delivered several other patent applications for delivery via express mail at or about 6:20p.m., and that at least one of these applications was for the particular client at issue here. I attest to the fact

that I followed the above described procedures for these other applications as well as the application which is the subject of the present petition, and that such other applications were provided with the correct filing date of April 6, 2006. The filing date of April 7, 2006 is in error.

Date: 10/20/06

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